

## RED TAPE CHALLENGE

Lowering the cost of doing business in Ontario

**Ontario's Red Tape Challenge is a transformational regulatory modernization initiative – delivered through an innovative online tool that crowd sources ideas on how government can improve regulations to make Ontario an easier place to do business while protecting the public interest.**

Launched by the Premier in spring 2016 and modelled after a similarly-named U.K. initiative, the Red Tape Challenge is a building block of a broader [Business Growth Initiative](#) – Ontario's new economic strategy.

### How It Works

- Over the next two years, we will consult with businesses, industry associations and other stakeholders on regulations that affect a range of business sectors – automotive parts manufacturing, food processing, financial services, mining, chemical manufacturing, forestry and tourism, which was recently added as a new sector.
- Each sector is posted for consultation for two months, and every four months a new sector opens for feedback.
- The comments are analyzed by technical experts and reviewed by the ministries responsible for administering the regulations and creating plans to resolve identified issues.
- These plans are presented to the Regulatory Modernization Committee, co-chaired by the Premier's Business Advisor, Ed Clark, and Secretary of the Cabinet Steve Orsini. The committee reviews ministry plans, approves suggested regulatory changes, and challenges ministries on any status quo proposals where no improvements have been identified.
- The final ministry plans are compiled into one public government response for each sector and posted on the [Red Tape Challenge site](#).

### Leadership Support

The Ministry of Economic Development and Growth's Open for Business team developed the Red Tape Challenge from concept to implementation in less than one year.

Along this complex journey, critical support was built within government, with business stakeholders and within the political stream. Leadership was demonstrated at all levels – among government staff and subject matter experts, with peers in other ministries, between managers collaborating across organizational boundaries to turn the vision into actionable items, and through executives who seized the momentum and ensured critical strategic support of this user-centred tool designed to improve Ontario's stock of regulations.

The project received top-echelon endorsement from Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Economic Development and Growth Brad Duguid, Secretary of Cabinet Steve Orsini, the Premier's Special Economic Advisor Ed Clark and business leaders across Ontario, as well as Gus O'Donnell, former British Cabinet Secretary and the U.K. Red Tape Challenge champion.

Every aspect of this initiative involves extensive collaboration, piercing the silos of government on multiple levels. The Red Tape Challenge expands the scope and dynamics of previous consultations by bringing together a wide range of ministries to provide a central, comprehensive process for reviewing existing regulatory stock.

The most transformational aspect of the Red Tape Challenge is the organizational redesign and systemic change it is triggering within the internal machinery of government – the breaking down of ministry barriers and employing a horizontal approach to decision-making, with a focus on challenging the status quo.

## Results

Ontario's Red Tape Challenge recently closed its food processing consultation, and has begun analyzing the 457 comments submitted.

The automotive parts manufacturing sector consultation received 160 comments on 36 pieces of legislation, identifying 79 potential opportunities for improvement. The [final plan for this sector](#) was published on the Red Tape Challenge website on November 30, 2016. This process will be repeated for all named sectors.

The financial impact of proposed changes will be calculated according to the province's standard cost model approach for conducting regulatory impact analyses.

The overall success of the Ontario Red Tape Challenge will be determined by outcomes – the meaningful regulatory and procedural changes made, and the cost and time savings achieved, as a result of stakeholder feedback received through this innovative crowd-sourcing consultation process.

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# RED TAPE Challenge

Less red tape is better for business.

Ontario wants to cut red tape to save businesses and taxpayers' time and money. That's why we've launched the Red Tape Challenge—an online consultation tool designed to identify and eliminate duplication, shorten response times and make it easier for business to operate in Ontario.

We are asking businesses, industry associations and other stakeholders to suggest ways the government can improve, streamline or modernize regulations to better protect consumers, employees and the environment. Which rules should stay, which need an update and which should be eliminated?

Based on a number of economic factors, including investment and export opportunities, we've identified six business sectors to focus on over the next 2 years:

- Auto parts manufacturing
- Food processing
- Financial services
- Mining
- Chemical manufacturing
- Forestry

Making sure that our regulations are up to date and relevant is part of Ontario's Business Growth Initiative—the government's plan to modernize business regulations, lower business costs and make more Ontario firms into global industry leaders.

#### **GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK**

Many regulations apply to all sectors, and all businesses are welcome to participate.

**We want to hear from you!**

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## How it works...

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FOCUS ON 6 BUSINESS SECTORS  
OVER THE **NEXT 2  
YEARS**



**VISIT**  
[ontario.ca/redtapechallenge](http://ontario.ca/redtapechallenge)  
AND TELL US HOW  
TO CUT THE RED TAPE.

**BROWSE AND COMMENT**  
BY CATEGORY OR ON A  
SPECIFIC REGULATION.



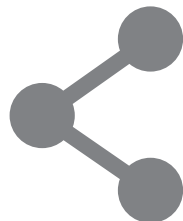
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YOUR SAY ON EACH  
SECTOR FOR



WE WILL REVIEW ALL THE **IDEAS** AND COMMENTS SUBMITTED  
**AND CREATE A PLAN** TO IMPROVE OR REDUCE EXISTING  
REGULATIONS, WHILE STILL PROTECTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST.



A NEW ROUND OF  
CONSULTATIONS WILL LAUNCH  
**EVERY 4 MONTHS.**



WE WILL **SHARE THE PLAN** FOR EACH  
SECTOR WITH THE PUBLIC BY POSTING IT  
ON OUR WEBSITE **6 MONTHS** AFTER THE  
END OF EACH ROUND.

## THE END RESULT

SIMPLIFIED AND STREAMLINED  
REGULATIONS THAT MAKE IT EASIER  
TO DO BUSINESS IN ONTARIO.